

Please do not mandate copy protection on digital television. This protection will do nothing to stop piracy, and instead will hurt consumers' viewing experience.

For proof, look at the mandated copy protection on dvds, and see how effective that has been at stopping piracy. Not effective at all. But it has hurt consumers. Legal dvds from many foreign countries cannot be played in US DVD players, despite the fact that many of these are not available in the US. Further, consumers are unable to make backup copies of dvds, even though this fair use right is constitutionally and legally protected.

Please do not spread this unnecessary level of protection to digital television.